		Welfare Board has not been constituted. Implementing Authorities have not been notified.
33.	Chandigarh	The State Advisory Committee is being constituted. The Welfare Board is under process of Constitution.

Policy to prevent brain drain

†3204. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to formulate an appropriate and effective policy in order to prevent brain drain which is constantly taking place in different sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) in view of global nature of scientific enterprise, the Government is of the view that scientific mobility should not be disturbed. The scientists move overseas in view of better opportunities available for higher education and employment in the emerging area of Science and Technology. Increasing opportunities in India have attracted many scientists to return to India particularly in some of the high-tech areas like IT. Availability of Indian diaspora overseas has also been of great help in undertaking joint research projects/ventures in the country. Government has taken a number of initiatives and measures in order to improve the working conditions of scientists to encourge their retention/ return in the country.

Vocational and productivity training to rescued child labourers

3205. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government for providing vocational and productivity training to the rescued child labourers during the last three years; and

(b) the number of child labourers benefited during this period, particularly in Maharashtra State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Government is implementing the National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) Scheme in 250 districts of 20 States of the country. Under the Scheme, children working in identified hazardous occupations and processes are withdrawn from work and put in Special Schools where they are provided with vocational training, accelerated bridging education, nutrition, stipend and healthcare facilities etc. In addition, another project, namely INDUS Child Labour Project is being implemented in collaboration with the US Department of Labour since 2004 in 21 Districts of the country. Under the project, vocational training is also being provided to the adolescents in the age group of 14-17 years.

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